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ABERAYRON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the members of the Aberayron Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting our Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1950, for the Rural District of Aberayron.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	97,810.
Population Census (1931)...	10,125.
Estimated Population (Mid-year 1950)...	9,162.
Number of inhabited houses(end of 1950) according to rate books	3,136.
Rateable Value	£16,332.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£68. 1. 0

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total	M	F
Live Births	Legitimate ...	128	65	63
	Illegitimate	7	3	4

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 14.73.

Still Births	2	2	

Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births : 14.60

Deaths	162	88	74

Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 17.68.

Deaths per Puerperal causes:-
Puerperal Sepsis ... ... Nil
Other puerperal causes ... Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:
All infants per 1000 live births ; 66.66
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births ; 70.31.
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births: Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) NIL.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages): NIL.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) NIL.
Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment : NIL.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.
   (a) Medical - Two part time Medical Officers of Health.
   (b) Others - One part time Sanitary Inspector.

2. Nursing in the Home. - Nature of the Arrangements in the Area.
   (a) General.
   There are four District Nurses serving the area who are the responsibility of the County Council. The area is adequately served.
   (b) Infectious Diseases : no special arrangements.

3. Midwives:
   There are seven midwives practising in the district who are the responsibility of the County Council.

4. Laboratory Facilities:
All clinical material is dealt with by the Public Health Emergency Laboratory at Aberystwyth where the bacteriological examination of water and milk supplies are also carried out. The Public Analyst at Bank Lane, Carmarthen, carries out the chemical analyses of water supplies.

5. Hospital:
(a) The Cottage Hospital, Aberayron.
This hospital is under the control of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. Number of beds - 6 male & 6 female

(b) The Cardiganshire General Hospital, Aberystwyth.

6. Maternity Homes.
The area is served by the Maternity Home at Aberystwyth which is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, The area is adequately served.

7. Ambulance Facitities.
The ambulance service is the responsibility of the County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1948.

8. Clinics and Treatment Centres.
These are administered by the County Council.
Tuberculosis Dispensaries : The area is visited by the Tuberculosis Physician on two days every month.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth and are sent directly to the laboratory by the General Practitioners.

Antitoxin :

Diphtheria antitoxin is supplied free to practitioners by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory.

Immunisation :
Immunisation is carried out by general practitioners, the immunising agent being supplied free by the Public Health Laboratory.

No facilities are provided by the Council for the cleansing and disinfecting of verminous persons and their belongings.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Twenty eight villages are supplied with water from the Council's water mains and 17 villages are dependent on wells and springs. The water was satisfactory in quality. During the year the Council's mains supply was extended to one village anf three groups of dwelling houses. With the exception of Llanon, Talgarreg and Alltyplacca water supply schemes, the water supplying the district is plumbo-solvent and the use of lead pipes is prohibited.

Rivers and Streams: No action was found necessary.
Drainage and Sewerage. There are no Public Sewers in the district
Closet Accommodation:

Number of W.C.s (fresh water, cistern flushed)	145
Number of Middens(dry closets with fixed receptacles	267
Number of Pail Closets with moveable receptacles ...	2680
Number of Earth Closets	28

Scavenging During the year the Council undertook the collection of refuse in the whole district, suitable sites having been acquired in isolated places for its disposal.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of inspections of dwelling houses	53
Number of Inspections of dairies and cowsheds ...	20
Number of inspections of milk carts	12
Number of inspections of workshops and bakehouses	6
Number of houses visited upon Notification of Inf. Diseases	6
Number of houses disinfected after Inf. Diseases	6

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Number of informal Notices served	15
Number of Informal Notices complied with ...	15
Number of Statutory Notices served	1
Number of Prosecutions	Nil.

New Buildings.

The following is a summary of the Plans of new houses approved by you and of the inspections made by the Building Inspector during the year. -

Number of plans of New Buildings approved of ...	6
No. of plans of Alterations & Additions to Buildings approved of ...	24
No. of applications for connecting premises to Council's water mains approved of ...	59
Number of Inspections of Damp-proof Courses	6
Number of Inspections of Drains	20
Number of Inspections on completion	20
Number of Inspections of House Water Services from Water Mians ...	22

Smoke Abatement None.

Rag Flocks Act 1911 and 1928 : No action.

Eradication of Bed Bugs : No action found to be necessary.

Camping Sites

1. No. of Sites in the area which were used for camping purposes ..	2
2. No. of sites in respect of which licences were issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ...	NIL.
3. Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season 1949	80

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

1. (a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts) ..	Nil
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil.

2. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officer ...	Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 11 & 12 of Housing Act 1936.

(i) Number of Dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
(ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	--
(b) by local authority in default of owners	--

B. Proceedings under the Public Health Act, 1936.
(i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... --
(ii) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices ... --
(a) By owners --
(b) By local authority in default of owners .. --

C. Proceedings under Section 11 of Housing Act, 1936. --

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of Housing Act, 1936:
Number of Closing Orders made ... ... --

4. Housing Act, 1936. OVERCROWDING.

A survey was not carried out.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.
There are five milk retailers and their premises registered by this Council, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries being responsible for the regstration etc., of dairy farmers under the new Milk Regulations of 1949.

(b) Meat and other Foods.
(i) Action taken with regard to the Inspection of Meat.
A systematic inspection of meat is carried out by the Meat Inspectors at the Ministry of Food Distributing Centre at Lampeter.

(ii) Adulteration.
This work is undertaken by the Weights and Measures Department of the Cardiganshire Council Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSES) DURING 1950.

Small Pox .....Nil
Scarlet Fever ... 3 (Aged between 7 and 15 years inclusive.
Diphtheria .....Nil.
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid .....Nil
Puerperal Fever .....Nil.
Puerperal Sopsis .....Nil.
Other Maternal Causes .....Nil.
Other diseases generally Notifiable 3(Aged between 4 and 9 inclusive).

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases were notified during the year 1950.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1950.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
15	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards .	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	2	3	2	-	3	-	-	1

No action was taken under Article 5 of the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)Regulations 1925.

No action was taken under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

We are,
Your obedient Servants,

Evan Evans,
Ernest LL. Davies,

Medical Officers of Health.